

EDITORIALS

PASTEUR MEMORIAL MEETING

The San Francisco County Medical Society held a Pasteur Memorial meeting January 9, at which four excellent papers were read. As a result of delay in receipt of the manuscripts and a crowded Journal for February, it has been impossible to get them to the Journal readers at a more timely and appropriate date. With this explanation of the delay and in view of their character, these papers are being published in this issue of the Journal.

THE SECTION ON SURGICAL ANATOMY

Recently the officers of this section announced opportunities for surgical anatomical work in the laboratory of the University of California Medical School. The dean of Stanford University Medical School extends a similar opportunity to members of the section and of the State Society.

That these two great medical schools offer opportunities for review in anatomical work ought to be a source of congratulation to the State.

This also justifies the wisdom of dividing the work of the State Society into legitimate specialties and sections and expecting these sections, and particularly their officers, to render all-the-year-around service. The officers of all sections are considered officers of the State Society, and the contact during the past year between executive officers and the officers of these sections on various organizational and scientific matters shows an increasing interest, particularly in specialties of medicine not heretofore fully developed in medical organizations.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Executive Secretary of the League for the Conservation of Public Health reports that many bills, affecting public health and the agencies of medicine, directly and indirectly, have been introduced in the present legislature. Some of those now in skeleton form will be completed, and other new ones may be expected during the latter half of the legislative session which opened March 5.

Several of the proposed laws are of considerable importance to the people and to the persons and agencies concerned with the promotion and protection of health. A few are wise, constructive measures calculated to advance the health and happiness of the people and, therefore, should have generous support. Most of the measures have little to commend them, and a few are vicious in their tendencies. Many of the bills will die in committee; others will be defeated, and others with or without amendments will become law.

We have neither the space nor the inclination to analyze all these bills, but we are discussing a few of the more important ones in this issue of the Journal. The amendments, progress and other features of these bills, good and bad, will be fol-

lowed by our League representatives during the rush of the last half of the legislative session and information will be furnished to the League membership from time to time.

The problem of the budget for the State Board of Health is discussed editorially in the February number of Better Health.

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29

Preparations for this great convention are rapidly taking shape. Hundreds of members of the California Medical Association will be on one or more of the various committees, and each and every member is expected to assume his share of the responsibilities and duties of host to the visiting Fellows.

Every member of the California Medical Association is requested to arrange his time so as to be present at the convention in San Francisco from Friday, June 22 to Saturday, June 30.

The meetings will be opened with convention diagnostic clinics in the hospitals of San Francisco and Oakland that are accredited by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association on Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. These clinics are being planned so as to be interesting and instructive rather than social and spectacular. It is our hope that as many of our members as possible will attend these clinics and take part in the discussions.

Tuesday evening, the general session of the American Medical Association will be held at 8 o'clock. An interesting program of two hours is being prepared for this meeting. An important feature will be the induction to office of President-elect Ray Lyman Wilbur, and Dr. Wilbur's address. Dr. Wilbur is the first Californian to hold this distinguished office, and California physicians should show their appreciation of the honor by attending this meeting, to which all physicians and their friends are welcome.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be devoted to the usual meetings of the various scientific sections, the house of delegates, and the various councils and committees. These will all be held in the Civic Auditorium. All the various halls are being carefully provided with all equipment necessary for the comfort of speakers and audiences. A complete directory showing the various halls will be issued later.

The various California committees responsible for the success of this convention are all busy and the results of their combined labors will be embodied in a special booklet which will be issued from California headquarters, on the Friday before the convention meets.

Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3, have been designated Post-Convention Diagnostic Clinic days for all parts of the state. Accredited hospitals in Los Angeles, San Diego and other parts of the state, as well as a number of county medical societies, where no accredited hospitals are avail-